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Grants Pass Community Curbside News

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Sustainability in Action



Fall Events and Leaf Pickup

Fall is here. We've got you covered.

Use your curbside yard debris cart for leaves and other accepted yard debris.

- Yard debris carts are collected every week during leaf collection season.
- Do not rake leaves into the street.
- Keep yard debris in your cart, or take excess yard waste to a transfer station for a fee.
- Keep loose leaves and yard debris out of streets, storm drains and recycling carts.

Proper Battery Disposal

Protect residents, team members and the environment from battery fires.

Lithium batteries power phones, toys, laptops and tools — and they're everywhere. But they can overheat, ignite or explode under pressure or heat, especially in collection trucks or at processing facilities.

Proper battery disposal prevents fires at the curb and facility, protects workers and emergency responders, and keeps hazardous materials out of the landfill.

Where to Dispose of Batteries:

1. Bring to our office location at 1920 NW Washington Blvd.
2. Drop off at our Merlin Recycle Depot at 1749 Merlin Rd.
3. Drop off at a big box retailer.
4. Bring to a household hazardous waste event.





NEVER place batteries in your recycling, trash or organics carts.

Holiday Recycling

Make the Holidays a Little Greener

Christmas Tree Collection

- Do not place a Christmas tree in the recycling cart. It can be placed in the yard debris cart, if it's cut up to fit.
- You can drop off trees at our office at 1920 NW Washington Blvd. or at the Merlin Recycle Depot at 1749 Merlin Rd.
- Remove lights, ornaments, decorations, tinsel and the tree stand.
- No flocked trees are accepted.





Lights Out? Recycle Them.

- Holiday light strings do not belong in your recycling cart.
- Reuse, donate, or check local special recycling options for unwanted strings.
- We have a wire bin at our Merlin location at 1749 Merlin Rd. that accepts string Christmas lights.

Old Electronics? Recycle Them the Right Way.

- Keep unwanted electronics out of your curbside recycling.
- You can drop them off at our office, at 1920 NW Washington Blvd, or at the Merlin Recycle Depot at 1749 Merlin Rd.



Plastic Recycling Acceptance

What goes in your recycling cart?

What Do the Chasing Arrows Mean?

A symbol doesn't always mean an item is accepted curbside.

The number inside the chasing arrows symbol identifies the type of plastic. Do not use the number alone to decide what belongs in your cart. *Recycle the item, not the symbol. If your item is not accepted, leave it out.*

The following items are accepted:



Plastic tubs larger than 2 inches by 2 inches, made of PET #1, HDPE #2 and PP #5, including caps if they're screwed on



Buckets, pails and storage containers made of HDPE #2 and PP #5 that fit loosely in the curbside cart, including lids if they're snapped on securely



Bottles and jugs larger than 2 inches by 2 inches, made of clear or transparent blue or green PET #1, HDPE #2 and PP #5, including caps if they're screwed on



Nursery packaging and trays made of HDPE #2 and PP #5

Plastic

Material preparation:
Empty and dry materials. Place them loose in the curbside cart. Never bag your recyclables. Bags tangle in sorting equipment. Caps are OK if they're screwed on. Items must be 2 x 2 inches or larger.

The following recyclables should be placed loose in your recycling cart:

- Bottles
- Round containers
- Buckets
- Rigid plant pots

Safety and Quick Reference

Batteries and Carts Don't Mix

No batteries are allowed in any cart.

Dispose of batteries safely. Use an appropriate battery collection location, or bring household batteries to the Albany household hazardous waste event.



Your Q4 Quick Guide

Leaves

Use your yard debris cart for leaves where service is available. Yard debris is collected every other week on the same day as recycling and trash.

Holiday Lights

Keep holiday light strings out of curbside recycling. Check local special recycling options for strings that cannot be reused.

Christmas Trees

Check local seasonal tree collection or yard debris options. Remove lights, ornaments and decorations before disposal.

Electronic Waste

Use an Oregon E-Cycles collection site for covered electronics. Confirm acceptance before bringing other electronic items.

Batteries

Never put batteries in recycling, trash or organics carts.

Questions? We're here to help.

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